

Forest Stakeholders Workshop on Forest Protocol Status

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a workshop to discuss progress toward updating the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) forest protocols.

The Air Resources Board adopted the CCAR forest protocols in October 2007 as non-regulatory quantification methods for purposes of voluntary greenhouse gas accounting. The protocols were the first accounting methodologies approved for use in ARB's Climate Change Program. The Board also directed ARB staff to initiate a process to update the protocols in order to encourage broader forest sector involvement and reduce potential barriers to participation. That process was initiated in November 2007 with the organization of a Forest Protocol Workgroup by CCAR and a goal of updating the protocols by December 2008.

The Forest Protocol Workgroup has made significant progress toward their goals of:

- Allowing greater landowner participation, particularly publicly-owned lands and industrial working forests.
- Improving protocol clarity, accuracy, conservatism, environmental integrity, and efficiency.

The progress report workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Date: Friday, July 18, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (Pacific Time)
Location: Coastal Hearing Room
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 "I" Street (2nd floor)
Sacramento, California 95814

A workshop agenda and the presentation will be posted prior to the workshop meeting at ARB's Climate Change and Forests website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/forestry/forestry.htm>, and made available in hard copy at the meeting.

You may receive notification of upcoming ARB activities and public meetings related to forestry and the implementation of AB 32 by joining our Forestry electronic mailing list: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/forestry/forestry.htm> or, for activities and meetings more generally related to climate change, sign up for our Climate Change electronic mailing list at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm>.

Directions to Cal/EPA Headquarters and public transit information can be found at the California Environmental Protection Agency's web site at

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>. If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Karen Snyder as soon as possible, via phone at (916) 322-5350, or e-mail at ksnyder@arb.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service. For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live internet webcast with audio and video will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on July 18, 2008 at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. During the workshop the webcast audience will have the opportunity to submit questions and comments by email. If you have a slow internet connection, we recommend you download the presentation prior to the workshop and follow the proceedings with the audio-only option.

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Jeanne Panek at (916) 322-1029, or jpanek@arb.ca.gov.